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Coast and countryside walk

Distance: 7.9 miles (12.7km) **Ascent:** 345m (1,132ft)

Time: Allow 3h 45m to 6h

Map: OS Explorer (OL27) North York Moors — Eastern area

Start/Finish: OS Locate NZ 954 040 what3words ///purist.funky.singers

A picturesque and easy to follow route along the clifftop path, returning along the old train line. From the hostel cross the footbridge over Mill Beck to the road. Turn right, then take the steps on the left. Follow the Cleveland Way/Coast Path, cross the footbridge over Stoupe Beck and head up to the road. Follow the road, then take the footpath on the left at the fingerpost. Turn left at the finger post to the Alum Works. Follow around the works, then turn left back onto the main track. Bear left to stay on the concrete track which follows alongside a golf course. Head up the hill towards the turrets of Raven Hall which can be seen on the skyline. As the track bends sharply to the right follow the path at the fingerpost across the golf course in the direction of the cliffs. Follow the path down to a viewpoint and information board. Retrace your steps to the sharp bend and continue along the track into Ravenscar. At the road take the track on the right and pass the visitor centre. Follow this path (Cinder Track) for the next 3.8 miles to the junction with Middlewood Lane (just past two seats to the left of the path). Turn right onto the road, left onto Mark Lane and take the footpath at the end of the lane on the left. Turn right onto the clifftop

path towards Boggle Hole. Shortly after a wooded section the path descends steep and uneven steps back to the hostel.

Moderate

Hazards

Watch out for traffic on the short road sections — no pavements, and when crossing minor roads on the Cinder Track. Sections of the clifftop are not fenced or have eroded, the path is close to steep drops in places. Further erosion may occur, keep back from the cliff edge. Short muddy and slippery patches especially near stream crossings. Long flights of uneven steps. Uneven and loose surface on the path below the golf course. Watch out for cyclists on the Cinder Track. Exposed in places so prepare for the weather.

Accessibility

There are stiles on the route and steep, uneven and tall flights of steps, mostly without handrails. The paths are well walked, obvious to follow and generally in good condition with patches of steep and rough ground and sections that will be muddy and slippery after rain. The steps down from the clifftop to the hostel are uneven and mostly without handrails. Some individual steps are deep.

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Points of interest

This is a stunning section of coastline with views over Robin Hood's Bay. On the route you'll find: WW2 pill box, long sandy beach at Stoupe, Peak Alum Works, viewpoint overlooking the seal colony at Low Nook (do not go down to the beach if the seals are present, also it's an extra 100 metres climb back up), National Trust Visitor Centre, former Brick Works, former

Alum Quarry, many bridges and visible remnants of Ravenscar's industrial past and the former railway line which ran between Scarborough and Whitby – the Cinder Track.

Facilities

Café and toilets at the hostel. Public toilets, café, hotel with restaurant and National Trust Visitor Centre in Ravenscar.

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.



Thank you for choosing to walk from our hostel. We hope you have a great time.

Walking in the national landscapes of England and Wales is part of YHA's heritage. With hostels on National Trails, in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, YHA plays a unique role in the nation's walking community.

To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks — an easy, moderate, and more challenging option. They have all been graded — the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast (metoffice.gov.uk).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes (tideschart.com).
- · Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) (relayuk.bt.com/emergencysms).
- Plan your walk by completing the YHA route notification card it helps Emergency Services if you get into difficulties or fail to return from your walk when anticipated (yha.org.uk/route-card).
- Ensure your entire group have the fitness and skills to complete the route.
- For further information on how to stay safe visit adventuresmart.uk

For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to yha.org.uk/walks

If you encounter problems with this route contact walking@yha.org.uk



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What to wear

- · Base layer and mid layer.
- Walking trousers.
- · Warm jacket(s).
- Take extra layer(s).
- Hat, gloves and neck gaiter.
- · Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- · Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- · Cushioning walking socks.
- Walking shoes or boots.

Kit

- Map, compass and GPS device or OS Map app on your phone.
- · Water, lunch and high energy snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Head torch, spare batteries.
- Watch.
- Whistle and survival bag.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

You might also want to take

- Spare socks, hat, gloves.
- Balaclava.
- Leg gaiters.
- Waterproof baseball cap (handy if you wear glasses).
- · Walking poles.

- Bivi bag or group shelter.
- Spare food and hot drink.
- Duct tape (handy for fixing things).
- Penknife or multitool.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.
- Plastic bags to take away your rubbish or dog poo.

In case of emergency

- Call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and ask for the Police.
- Use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.
- If you need to attract attention shout or give six blasts on a whistle at regular intervals. In low light flash your torch six times at regular intervals.
- If you can send someone for help, they need to know your location (grid reference), number of people in the group and the nature of the emergency.
- Help could be some time coming so whilst waiting make the casualty comfortable.
- Keep the casualty warm and dry using spare clothing. Use coats or rucksacks to insulate them from the ground.
- Remember the rest of the group could be getting cold whilst waiting.
 Use an emergency shelter or find a sheltered location.